

REMARKS

In the communication mailed May 11, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 8-10, 14, 23, and 26-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 8, 14, 23, and 26 to be in independent form including the limitations of any intervening claims. Similarly, Applicant has amended claims 2, 4-5, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, and 24 to change their respective dependencies. Claims 1, 6, 7, 25, and 29-35 have been canceled.

In light of these amendments, and as no other issues remain outstanding, Applicant requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 2-5, 8-24, and 26-28.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees arising as a result of this or any other communication to Deposit Account 50-1170.

Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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